

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-18 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner rejects claims 1-14, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Gerszberg (US 6,542,500). In the first Office Action, the Examiner indicated original claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 16 is allowed.

In remarks made by the Examiner to the undersigned in a telephone conference on January 19, the Examiner noted that independent claims 1 and 4 would be allowable if they incorporated the limitations of original claim 15 and the intervening claims.

Applicant believes the claims as amended place the application in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment and reconsideration.

Claim 4:

Applicant amends independent claim 4 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable original claim 15 and intervening dependent claims 9, 13, and 14. Claims 9, 13, and 14 have been cancelled. Applicant further amends dependent claims 11 and 16 to correct antecedent bases and dependencies. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 4 is now allowable as are all claims dependent therefrom, and requests reconsideration of the rejection and early allowance.

Claim 4 has also been amended to address the Examiner's objections to informalities by including a description for an acronym when the acronym is first used. The acronyms have been fully described in the Specification and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claim 1:

Applicant further amends claim 1 to incorporate the inventive limitations from original claim 15 and claim 13, the limitations of claim 9 are already present in claim 1. Applicant

respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable as well as are all claims dependent therefrom, and requests reconsideration of the rejection and early allowance.

Dependent claims 2-3, 5-14, and 16-18:

Each of the above listed dependent claims depends from an allowable independent claim and for at least this additional reason is therefore allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee, Hong, Degerman, Kang & Schmadeka

Date: January 19, 2006

By: _____


Craig W. Schmoyer
Registration No. 51,007
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Customer No. 035884

LEE, HONG, DEGERMAN, KANG & SCHMADEKA
801 S. Figueroa Street, 14th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone: (213) 623-2221
Facsimile: (213) 623-2211